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Have their main recommendation in their faces and their gaily shells. We believe in attractive exteriors, but we have greater faith in the recommendation that a good time-keeper will give us.

Our Clocks Are Ornaments

In every sense of the word, and we guarantee them to be.

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An AI hotel, with 40 acres land, within a short distance of Victoria, very popular resort; good investment; \$5,000 cash can handle it.

Seven roomed house, bath, cellar, electric light, stable, carriage house, fruit trees; all in AI condition; only \$300.

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2 1/2 acres, Oak Bay, and cold water, bath, etc., large lot, \$12.

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DEPUTATION'S REPORT

Regarding Visit to Ottawa Will Probably Be Submitted To-Day.

It is understood that the report of the government deputation to Ottawa will be laid before the House this afternoon. The government asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier if he had any objection to the report being submitted, and he replied "Certainly not."

Among the propositions made to Ottawa, it is understood, was one that the central government should bear two-thirds of the subsidy to be granted to the three roads mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, but it is stated that there is no indication in the report of any action in the government in reply.

The largest library of small books in the world belongs to a Frenchman, who boasts that he can pack 700 of his pocket editions in a single portmanteau.

To-Morrow Will Decide

The Chinese Have Until Tuesday to Sign the Manchurian Agreement.

Attitude of Russian Minister at Meetings of Representatives Causes Annoyance.

No Decision Yet Reached Regarding Methods of Protecting the Legations.

(Associated Press.)

Peking, March 25.—The foreign ministers seem utterly unable to agree as to the best method of policing the legation. The proposition most favored by the majority and most complained of by the minority provides that men of the regular armies shall be detailed for the service under one officer called by the allied forces. United States special commissioner Rockhill is one of those who object to this plan, as is also the British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, who says that though an international force is desirable, it would be better if police details should be composed of soldiers not liable to be called away when most useful. It is also undesirable, he thinks, that the commandant should be an officer actively connected with any army, while the intention to make each legation practically an armed camp is a great mistake, and is liable to cause friction, and it would be far better to make a general international district.

The home ministers are considering the advisability of asking the government to reconsider the decision in favor of armed legation guards, as being liable not only to keep the court from returning to Peking, but also as a continual source of danger in the dealings with the Chinese. They say it would be impossible to keep the guards within the legation quarters as Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang insist. To agree to this would make it impossible to guarantee order, especially when the Chinese troops shall have returned to Peking. One drunken soldier outside the foreign settlement, they say, might cause another war.

The time when the Russians have given the Chinese to sign the Manchurian agreement expires on Tuesday, and should the agreement not be signed, Russia will break off the negotiations. The agreement annexes Manchuria.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang were consulted this morning, but did not either refuse to sign the conference or appeal to the powers.

On behalf of China, Li Hung Chang desires to express gratitude to America for her position in the matter.

The attitude of M. de Giers, the Russian minister, at the meeting of foreign representatives is embarrassing and causes considerable annoyance. He either refuses to agree with the other ministers or holds apart entirely.

A committee will consider the questions of China's ability as regards indemnity, and the most practical methods of guaranteeing payment of indemnity to the powers.

It is thought that on account of Sir Robert Hart's increasing age and the gradual approach of feebleness that he will not continue long in charge of the Imperial Chinese customs on behalf of the powers.

The bodies of Captain Riley and seven enlisted men, which had been buried at the American legation, were removed to the temple of agriculture with military honors, General Chaffee and his staff accompanying the remains. The body of an American marine buried at the Russian legation will be removed on Thursday with the same honors. The bodies will leave on board the transport Elbert for the United States about the middle of April. The signal corps has completed the arrangements, and is awaiting transportation to Manila.

Indemnity Question.

Berlin, March 25.—A dispatch from Peking to the Cologne Gazette, dated Sunday, March 24th, says that at the first formal meeting of the committee on indemnity, held in Peking on Sunday, it was decided to invite Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs; Mr. Fabier, vicar apostolic at Peking, and other experts, financial and otherwise, to submit proposals as to the best methods for raising the amount

LIVELY FOR A TIME.

Free Fight at a Meeting of Sympathizers With Nihilists Held in New York.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 25.—A lively outbreak occurred at a meeting of sympathizers with the Russian Nihilists held in a hall at No. 49 Henry street last night, in which considerable blood was spilled and damage done to the furniture. The object of the meeting was to raise funds for the Nihilists.

The meeting went on peacefully until a man in the middle of the hall began to count a roll of money. Then a rush was made for him and a free fight followed. Chairs and benches were used as weapons and howls of rage were heard on every side. Some, the more timid, Nihilist sympathizers, tried to get out of the place, but somebody had locked the door. There were cries to "kill the spies," "there's government spies among us," and several of the men were thrown bodily down stairs when the door was finally opened.

A call for the police frightened the combatants, and the fighting ceased. It was then decided to hold a meeting at a later date.

Touring The Colonies

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York Arrive at Malta.

Troops and Bluejackets Lined the Route to Palace—Enthusiastic Welcome.

(Associated Press.)

Malta, March 25.—Steamer Ophir, bearing the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on their tour of the world, arrived here this morning. The warships in the harbor were manned and dressed. In Valletta great crowds filled the terraces and the ramparts commanding the harbor. The Ophir was met 18 miles out by a flotilla of ten torpedo boat destroyers, and entered the harbor amid salvos of artillery from St. Angelo, the citadel, the forts and warships.

After receiving the officials the Duke and Duchess landed and drove to Porto Reale and thence to the palace. The balconies along the route were filled with spectators. The entire distance from the landing place to the palace was decorated and lined with troops and bluejackets.

NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED.

No Other Peace Terms Will Be Submitted to the Boers.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 25.—The colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, when asked in the House today if it was possible to change the offer of peace terms to the Boers, said the negotiations were closed, and there was no intention of reopening them.

SNOWSTORM IN NEBRASKA.

Railway Lines Are Blocked and Passenger Trains Cannot Move.

(Associated Press.)

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Reports from Alliance and Ogallala after midnight indicate that the Union Pacific and the Burlington main lines are blocked with snow. Three passenger trains are held at Ogallala and drifts west of there have not been raised after hard work with snow plows.

The Burlington main line to the northwest is tied up west and east of Alliance, and all trains are held. The storm in Western Nebraska is the worst in years, and will cause great damage to stock interests. Snow is reported from four to twelve inches deep, with a strong wind blowing.

Eastern Nebraska is deluged with rain.

MASSACRED BY TURKS.

Three Bulgarian Families Put to Death—Village Burned.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, March 25.—According to private advices from Macedonia, a band of Turks massacred three Bulgarian families, men, women and children, in the village of Aghamahalleh, near Seres, a town forty-seven miles northwest of Salonica. Details of the outrage have not been received. The news created a profound sensation.

It is stated that a village near Monastir, in Macedonia, with a mixed population of Mussulmans and Bulgarians, has been burned.

THE CORN DUTY.

(Associated Press.)

Liverpool, March 25.—The Daily Post says that the failure of the peace negotiations in South Africa is causing the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, to consider the expediency of abandoning the suggestion of a shilling registration duty on corn in favor of a two shilling direct duty.

BANKER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 25.—Gen. T. Bliss, the well-known retired banker, is dead at his home on Fifth avenue, this city, as the result of complications developed from the grippe. Mr. Bliss was 49 years old, and was a son of Geo. Bliss, of the banking house of Morton, Bliss & Co.

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London, March 25.—Charlotte Mary Young, the authoress, died yesterday in Winchester. She was born on August 11th, 1823.

Determined Suicide

Man Fastened a Piece of Iron to His Neck and Leaped From Wharf.

Toronto Woman Charged With Shop-Lifting Straggled Herself in Prison Cell.

Druggist's Fatal Mistake—Died From Effects of Drinking Prussic Acid.

(Associated Press.)

Sydney, C. B., March 25.—Three men were badly scalded by boiling oil at the Dominion iron and steel works on Saturday. They were at work on a breach over the bridge furnace when the overflow of oil occurred.

Fired at Negro.

Halifax, N. S., March 25.—Geo. Halbert, a young Englishman on a visit to the city, attempted to shoot Walter Dixon, a negro, on Saturday night. He fired two shots at him, but neither took effect. Halbert is now under arrest.

R. C. Bishop Dead.

St. John, N. B., March 25.—The Right Rev. John Sweeney, D. D., Roman Catholic bishop of St. John, died this morning from a paralytic stroke on Saturday night. He was 80 years of age.

Sad Suicide.

Toronto, March 25.—Pabily, disgraced and detected over the shame she brought to her family, Mrs. Alice Summers, 43 Arthur street, who was arrested on Wednesday last for shop-lifting, yesterday afternoon committed suicide by strangling herself in jail.

Fatal Mistake.

Bowmanville, March 25.—W. T. Cole, druggist, took a dose of prussic acid in mistake for a tonic for stomach trouble on Saturday night, and died in about fifteen or twenty minutes after medical assistance arrived.

Jumped Into the Sea.

St. Andrew's, N. B., March 25.—Capt. Jas. Storkey, a well-known boatman, and formerly a prominent ship-builder, committed suicide yesterday morning by fastening a piece of iron to his neck and jumping over the wharf into the sea.

Lightning Killed Horses.

Manila, Out., March 25.—A severe storm passed over this district early yesterday morning, lightning striking the barns of William Matthews, just north of here, killing three valuable horses, two cows and five hogs.

Protest by Cossacks

Officers Appeal Against Being Employed to Quell Riots in St. Petersburg.

Say Fighting Defereless Men and Women is Beneath Their Dignity.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 25.—A ministerial council was held yesterday at Sarakov Nelo, the summer residence of the Czar, 17 miles south of St. Petersburg, under the presidency of the Czar, to discuss the riots whose continuation to-morrow is anticipated.

The delegates of the students at a meeting yesterday withdrew their previous invitation to assemble to-morrow. This step was taken in order to prevent the police from arresting those who have taken an active part in the agitation for the students' liberty and university reforms and diverting them into the army. In spite of this it is feared that the workmen will assemble, as the strikers are threatened to break out to-night.

Several large forces of troops, accontred for active service, marched through the streets to-day, presumably towards suburbs to check the workmen of a certain factory who have been warned against entering the city on Sunday under the penalty of losing their positions.

In military circles it is reported that the officers of Cossack Guards Regiment have petitioned the authorities not to employ them henceforth in suppressing riots, holding that being pitted against defenceless men and women is beneath their dignity.

Lt.-Gen. Prince Viasensky, a member of the Imperial council, who protested against the conduct of the police and Cossacks, has resigned according to report.

Practically all the higher educational institutions are idle including the Kharkoff, the Odessa, Lazan, and Kiev universities.

A student named Bohritsky, who was wounded in the Kharkoff riots, died the following day.

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Campbell's Prescription Store. We keep the largest stock of Drugs and Toilet Articles in the province. Prescriptions promptly and carefully executed.

They Planted Swam River At Night

Russians Reported to Have Returned to Disputed Territory at Tien Tsin. The Rumor That China Rejected the Treaty Has Not Been Confirmed.

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Its greater strength combined with its absolute purity make it the best Tea on the market. If your grocer does not keep it he will get it rather than lose your trade. ASK FOR IT.

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Wrecked by The Boers

Overpowered the Escort of Supply Train and Carried Off Provisions.

Attack on a Convoy Moving to Join Gen. French's Column.

Standerton, Transvaal, March 22.—Four hundred Boers, under the Boer commandant Buys, have wrecked a supply train north of Vlamagte. They overpowered the escort and carried off several wagon loads of provisions. A convoy destined to join General French's column has been attacked between Blood river and Scheepers Nek, Transvaal Colony. The British had one man killed and three wounded. The bridge at Blood river was burned.

PROTECTING THE KAISER.

Programme Drawn Up by Police and Approved by His Majesty.

Berlin, March 23.—The reply of Emperor William to the Prussian diet's congratulations yesterday, in which His Majesty, ignoring the officially established facts that Weiland, the man who threw a piece of iron at the Emperor at Bremen, striking him on the cheek, is a life-long epileptic, and for years was an inmate of an asylum, and on the day of the attempt was under medical treatment for fits, threw harsh blame upon the nation for conditions breeding such attempts, is the sensation of the day. Every body is discussing the matter.

Must Soon Decide.

Washington, March 23.—The question of Chinese indemnities has given way for the moment to the more pressing issue over the consummation of the Russo-Chinese agreement.

Details of the operations by which Dewet was driven across the Orange River by British Troops.

The operations were carried out on a large scale. The columns engaged were numerous, and all worked magnificently, as Dewet only escaped after losing altogether about 400 men, two guns, and a number of wagons and Cape carts, besides Fourie's private papers containing Dewet's plan for the invasion of the colony.

A free sample of delicious SALADA Tea sent on receipt of postal mentioning which you drink—Black, Mixed, or Green Tea. Address "SALADA," Toronto or Montreal.

Along the Waterfront.

HANGS LIKE A HINGE. Loyd's agent is reported to have arrived at Nanaimo from the wreck of the collier Wilamette, where he made a thorough investigation into the causes of the accident.

DESCRIBES THE LAZARETTO.

Rev. A. R. Wipcheter Tells People of Toronto of Conditions at Darcy Island.

Rev. A. B. Winchester addressed a meeting at the Bible Training school recently in Toronto upon his experiences at the leper settlement on Darcy Island, near Victoria. He told of his first visit, which he had made when he learned that a flag of detention had been flying on the island for two weeks, and that no attention had been paid to it, although steamers passed every day.

Returned From England.

Halifax, March 23.—The steamer Lake Megabuck, which arrived here last night, brought a number of Strathcona's Horse who had been in England on furlough, among them being Trooper Bennett, of Cranbrook, B. C.

ASHCROFT TRAGEDY.

Five Chinamen Taken Into Custody on Saturday. Ashcroft, B. C., March 23.—A rumor has been in circulation for some days of the murder of a Chinaman in Ashcroft. This morning Barrister Jones, of Westminster, arrived in town as counsel for the Chinese, and proceeded to look up the reported murder.

The Lokal Anzeiger points out that the enormous difference between the cases as shown by the court's evidence.

The Lokal Anzeiger points out that the character which every political difference and criticism assumes in Germany to-day has much to do with the bitter fanatic partisanship shown.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—It is understood and generally believed in diplomatic circles here that the Russo-Chinese agreement, now about being signed, is considerably different from the original draft.

Turning the Enemy.

On the 23rd ult. he got into immediate contact with the Boers. General Hunter then took up the pursuit, and pressed the enemy, Captain Marker, of the Coldstream Guards, with a few men of the Victorian Imperial regiment, came in sight of two of the enemy's guns.

MAY NOT COME HERE.

Steamer Majestic, the new vessel built at Everett for the Puget Sound-Victoria route in which service it had been intended that she should replace the Evangel, was launched on Saturday evening. A description of the steamer has already appeared in the Times.

OVERHAULING THE FLEET.

H. Chapman, who has charge of overhauling the machinery of the Canadian Development Company's boats at White Horse, has a crew of thirty-five men at work. The Canadian Columbia, Sybil and Yukoner are being thoroughly gone over. New boilers, said to be the largest ever shipped into the country for boats, will be put in the latter two. The woodwork is also being repaired.

FOR FREEDOM.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The students' organization committee has issued a call inviting all intelligent members of Russian society to join their ranks in the struggle "for freedom."

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

The grand jury at Winnipeg on Saturday returned a true bill against the Free Press Company for defamatory libel of Premier Roblin.

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THE LUMBER TRADE.

A Vancouver dispatch says that lumber vessels are reported offering more freely, with slightly reduced rates. It is reported there that the provincial government have assumed the mill-owners delegates that they will shortly announce officially that a tonnage bonus will be given to shipbuilding in the province.

MARINE NOTES.

Bark Elizabeth Nicholson, which left New Westminster with lumber for Shanghai several months ago, and which had been heavily re-insured, arrived at her destination on March 16th.

THE STEEL CORPORATION

Will Commence Business at the Beginning of Next Month. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 23.—The United States Steel Corporation, the greatest combination of interests in the world, will, from present indications, be doing business on April 1st, and the Pittsburgh district and the leading iron and steel centres of the country, over 5,000 employees in the mills and blast furnaces will have new employees.

TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS.

Laxative Bismuth-Quinine removes the cause. London, March 23.—The British foreign office emphatically denies that Germany is in any way co-operating with Great Britain in regard to the proposed Nicaragua canal, as reported in cable dispatches from New York.

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THE ENGINEER

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Their Annual Meeting

Friendly Help Association Transacted Business For the Year on Saturday.

Reports of Several Officers Were Received and Adopted—Addresses By Clergy.

At the annual meeting of the Friendly Help Association which was held in the market hall on Saturday, the president reported as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I am submitting our annual report, we have once more to gratefully tender our sincere thanks for the continued liberality of the corporation of the city of Victoria, who not only entrusted us with the distribution of a large portion of their charity fund, but give us substantial aid in various other ways.

We wish also to thank you for the ready help of the King's Daughters and other kind friends at Christmas and other seasons in assisting to gladden the hearts and brighten the homes of the poor unfortunate, who, perhaps from no fault of their own, are unable to provide necessities for themselves or helpless little ones.

We are under the necessity, however, of reminding the friends that their gifts of clothing have not been as generous as numerous as during the preceding year.

This is attributed not to lack of sympathy, or disregard of the welfare of their less fortunate fellow-beings, but to the numerous demands upon them during the year for other charities, and particularly to patriotic calls incident to the South African campaign.

The present outlook for an early return to the blessings of peace, encourage us to hope that many hearts may be stirred up to contribute liberally to the good work we are endeavoring to carry on, of comforting the distressed, soothing the sorrowful, advising the perplexed and helping the needy.

We desire again to point out, that the Friendly Help Society combines within itself representatives of most of the kindred institutions, working harmoniously to the distressed, soothing the sorrowful, advising the perplexed and helping the needy.

We feel that in this respect the Friendly Help has been a success. We wish that a larger amount of money had been at our disposal. At all events, we have the comforting assurance that the little we have been able to do has been gratefully received and appreciated.

Respectfully,
S. HAYWARD,
President.

This was followed by the secretary's report as appended:

Madame President, Ladies and Gentlemen: We have reached another milestone and are called upon to give an account of our stewardship for the year that has just passed, the sixth in the history of this society. Our statistics show that we have this year assisted about one hundred and ten different persons, of this number more than three-fourths are women and children. Groceries were given one hundred and seventy-three families, clothing, hats, caps, shoes, etc., number one hundred and twenty-five parcels. Our Christmas donations, apart from what was given by the city, amounted to \$157, against \$79.25 last year, which is almost double. A large number of new garments were also received at that time, as well as groceries, toys, chickens, fruit, vegetables, etc.

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The aggregate amount expended during the year has been \$2,800, and our balance is still on the right side. In our case the promise is abundantly verified—"Give and it shall be given you." As has been stated in former reports, our funds are all raised by voluntary giving, each member assisting all she is able, both in gifts and personal service.

As previously mentioned, our work is largely for women and children, and while glad to be able to assist them in this way, we note with pleasure that our legislators are striving to assist us by providing a compelling men to support those who are legally depending on them.

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The following statement of receipts and expenditures was submitted by the treasurer:

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To cash on hand, March, 1900 \$ 46 50
To Corp. of Victoria, grant aid 420 00
To Prov. Govt. grant in aid 120 00
To donations paid sub. 217 40
To collections per order 41 20
To receipts from sale goods 10 05
\$ 865 15

Expenditures:
By amount paid for fuel \$141 00
By amount paid for meat 7 75
By amount paid for rent 56 00
By amount paid for groceries 507 10
By amount paid for clothing 19 50
By amount paid for milk 61 75
By amount paid for medicine 11 75
By amount paid miscellaneous 41 89
By balance on hand, March 1, 1901, 26 00
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MARY R. LAWSON,
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Corrected correct, Chas. Kent,
Victoria, B. C., March 1st, 1901.

Detailed Statement of Miscellaneous Expenditure. Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount.

List of Cash Donations During the Year. Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount.

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Unique Experience

Nomites Drift to Sea on Ice Floe, Without Food or Shelter.

Eloping Couple From Sacramento Pursued by Prominent Californian.

Carried to sea on an iceberg, with forebodings of a terrible fate continually haunting them in brief is a tale of endurance and hardship told by F. G. Kimball and a companion, a chief clerk in a railway office at Nome.

According to the story told in northern papers received by the Danube, which arrived here on Saturday night, the two men were over two days on the ice floe, which they had no food or shelter from the cold, penetrating winds of the Arctic. Fortunately, when they had been out 48 hours without food or shelter, slowly drifting out to sea, the wind changed, and coming strong, soon blew the ice floe to the shore, liberating the unwilling navigators.

The Danube brings news that the discovery on Bear and the stocks in the Porcupine country will be actively worked this spring. Winter development in the Bear creek district is now on a full blast, and a number of claims are being sunk a shaft to bedrock, which as yet has never been touched. It could easily have been accomplished last fall, it is said, had not water stopped all work after a certain depth was reached.

The latest advices from Jack Wade creek are those furnished by E. G. Tennant, one of the owners of the Monda mine property. He picked up a nugget on 13 the day before his departure for Dawson, and but a few days before \$100 in nuggets was picked up in the drift on No. 8. No. 15 above lower is described as the richest claim on the creek so far. It has four feet of gravel which pays from 35 cents to the pan at the top to \$200 a pan at the bottom.

St. Germain creek, which empties into the Big Salmon about seven miles below the mouth of Livingston creek, is mentioned by the White Horse Star as a possible heavy producer for 1901. Discovery claim is located about three-quarters of a mile from the mouth of the creek, and nuggets to the value of \$225 each have been secured by prospectors, which at this point only averages from six to seven feet below the surface.

D. R. Morrison has bonded the Copper King mine on Lake Chancie in the Yukon district to William A. Kohl, an eastern capitalist, for \$200,000. Mr. Morrison says it is the intention of the purchaser to have a stamp mill running on the property as soon as the machinery can be shipped in and put in place.

Arrivals at Skagway from Dawson state that the trail is fairly back with outfits of prospectors and pack trains. The crowd of anxious travelers congregated at White Horse awaiting chances to get passage to Dawson forecast the C. D. Co. a rate of \$150, an advance of \$25 over the rate that has prevailed of late. Every purchaser of a ticket on the C. D. stages for the past month has had chances to get in quickly, says the Skagway Alaskan. The Canadian line has had a record of the trip in less than six days, while other stages, having no relays, consume from ten to fourteen days, or longer if they meet with any mishap. As it costs from \$5 to \$7 a day to maintain a pack trail, the rate of \$100, at present charged by the outside stages, is very little cheaper than the new C. D. rate.

On her return from the Yukon, the schooner Annie and a man named Ole Johnson, suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, were taken on board. He had been left aboard the schooner alone, and when the others of the crew returned they found him moaning in his berth, and when they discovered a rifle lying on the floor near the bed told the story. Johnson feebly acknowledged that he had tried to take his own life. His two brothers, who were members of the party, did everything to relieve his sufferings until the Danube was sighted. When the boat arrived at Skagway he was taken to the railroad hospital. As his recovery had been lost through the length of time necessary to obtain proper medical care, and he died soon after being taken to the hospital, the left breast caused his death either the left breast and came out at nearly the same position on the right breast.

Half grazed at the department of his wife with Ralph McCrea, R. W. Linville, a prominent Sacramento, Cal., man, passed through Skagway while the Danube was in port, endeavoring to take the runaway pair, who have with them the woman's little three-year-old boy. Two children were left at the home in Sacramento. The element of Mrs. Linville with Mr. McCrea, but there was not much for comment. There was one item of \$262,063, liabilities on endorsements. That was a new entry, and had been put in at the request of the auditors. But that only meant the bank's endorsements on bills either negotiated or accounted for by the holders had by this time matured and been paid. Twenty-five thousand pounds had been placed to the reserve fund, and \$3,000 reserved to meet expenditure on premises account. The assets side of the balance sheet, however, was particularly strong in cash—almost too strong, perhaps, for profits, but it was always a satisfactory feature. He did not think there was anything further to touch, but if any shareholder desired to ask a question, he would be pleased to answer it.

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A GOOD COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.
"I have no hesitancy in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says F. P. Morgan, a well known and popular physician of Morgantown, W. Va. "I have given it to my children who have been troubled with bad coughs, also whooping cough, and it has always given perfect satisfaction. It was recommended to me by a druggist as the best cough medicine for children, as it contained no opium or other harmful drug." Sold by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

There are 240,000 different species of insects on earth; none of these are so small that 4,000 of them are equal in weight to a grain of sand.

THIN CHILD

If a child is thin, let him take a little of Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

Some children like it too well; begin with a little. A half or quarter-teaspoonful is enough at first, if the stomach is weak; but increase, as you find the stomach will bear.

The effect is: the little one takes on strength; gets hungry; eats and is happy; gets fat—he ought to be fat—and gets healthy.

Scott's Emulsion, Chas. Kent, Victoria, B. C., March 1st, 1901.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Bank of British North America Held in London.

On Tuesday at the offices, 3 Clement's Lane, London, E. C., the 66th yearly general meeting of the Bank of British North America was held under the presidency of Mr. Gaspard Farrer. The report of the directors of the 31st December last showed that the profits for the half year, including £9,512 0s. 4d. brought forward from last account, amounted to £67,507 5s. 10d., but of which the directors reported the declaration of a dividend of 40s. per share, payable free of income tax on the 1st of April next, being at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and the addition of £23,000 to the reserve fund. The sum of £3,000 was appropriated on premises, etc., leaving a balance of £2,913 4s. 7d. to be carried forward.

The secretary, having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said that this was the first occasion of their meeting in the present century and the last of their meeting in that room. The new offices in Gracechurch street were now nearly complete, and the directors were expected to move bag and baggage much to their regret, for the present building in which the bank had worked was most conveniently situated. But unfortunately, practically the present premises were not large enough for their increased business, or perhaps he ought to have said, fortunately for their business continued to grow beyond their limits. However, their next meeting would be held in the new premises, but as that would not be for a year hence, he hoped that after they had got fairly settled in the new premises, they would at the meeting would be sufficiently interested to pay the building a visit of inspection. He had said a year hence, for, with the approval of the meeting, the directors had decided to abandon the meeting in September. The attendance of shareholders at that time of the year was of the smallest, and they thought that all useful purposes would be served if the accounts were made up, audited, published, and posted to shareholders half-yearly in March and September, but to hold a meeting of shareholders the business of the bank at that time of the year was of the year two or three of the directors were at the bank, as well as the bank officers; so that, if an receipt of the balance sheet any explanation was desired, they hoped the shareholders would have no hesitation in asking for it. An annual meeting is the common practice among the other Canadian banks. It would be noticed that he had referred to the future as if their charter were perpetual, instead of expiring as it did in July next, but they had no anxiety on that score. Last year was the decennial anniversary of the Canadian Banking Act came up for revision before the Canadian parliament, and they decided to await the revision of that act before taking steps to get a renewal of their charter here. In that act they received the treatment that the bank had always had from the Canadian government, and the people of Canada, that they always believed they would receive, and which they hoped they deserved. It practically left the bank in statu quo, and tacitly welcomed their continued existence among the banks of the Dominion of Canada. Thereupon they applied to the high commissioner for Canada, and Mr. Laurier, with his assistance approached the government at Ottawa to ask for their support of our application to the treasury here. To that request they received a ready response, and he was glad to have an opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Canadian government, and to speak for the shareholders, their thanks also to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the prime minister of Canada, to his colleagues in the government, and to Lord Strathcona, for their ready and valuable support. Aimed with that support, they applied to the treasury for the renewal of their charter, and he was pleased to hear that the draft of a supplemental charter had been approved, and the lords of the treasury had intimated their intention of submitting the draft for ratification of His Majesty in council. This would extend the period of their charter until July 1st, 1911.

They were now the only bank of British origin in Canada. It was much to the credit of Canada, and in his speaker's judgment added materially to her financial strength, that with our exception the entire banking capital of the Dominion of Canada had been originated within the Dominion. In their own case, though the capital originated on this side, the depositors were Canadian. But although their bank alone survived and are somewhat of an anomaly, they thought there was still scope for useful work to be done. They were always many years to come. In support of these views, the directorate held they could turn to the present balance sheet, which showed that though the profits were not extravagant, still they believed they had a sound and growing business. The directors were pleased to see that there was not much for comment. There was one item of £262,063, liabilities on endorsements. That was a new entry, and had been put in at the request of the auditors. But that only meant the bank's endorsements on bills either negotiated or accounted for by the holders had by this time matured and been paid. Twenty-five thousand pounds had been placed to the reserve fund, and £3,000 reserved to meet expenditure on premises account. The assets side of the balance sheet, however, was particularly strong in cash—almost too strong, perhaps, for profits, but it was always a satisfactory feature. He did not think there was anything further to touch, but if any shareholder desired to ask a question, he would be pleased to answer it.

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The chairman formally moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Frederick Lubbock and carried unanimously. Mr. H. J. R. Kendall, Mr. J. H. Brodie and Mr. R. H. Glyn were re-elected directors, and Mr. Edwin Waterhouse and Mr. George South to be auditors. A vote of thanks to the chairman, directors and officers concluded the proceedings—The Canadian Gazette, March 7th.

PLEASED ENTERTAINMENTS.

Searchlight Company's Exhibitions in the A. O. U. W. Hall Attract Large Attendance.

At matinee and evening performances in the A. O. U. W. hall on Saturday large audiences were rapidly entertained by the Searchlight Company.

To follow the programme throughout was most interesting and instructive amusement. The scenery selected was all choice, and to many not having seen the World's Fair at Paris, or who are not acquainted with some of the renowned scenic spots of the old world, or who have not a very vague impression of the funeral obsequies of the late Queen Victoria, the entertainments were deeply interesting. There is perhaps no better means of conveying an idea artistically, and at the same time realistically, than by the moving pictures, and the funeral procession of the Queen presented was a splendid piece of mechanical art. It took just 25 minutes to show this scene, and the sight is made the more solemn and impressive by the strains of the funeral march. Another scene which proved very enjoyable was the trip up the Seine, showing some of the most beautiful buildings in the world; and at the same time much of the exposition. The programme concluded with a Spanish bull fight, which afforded most exciting entertainment. Comic pictures are of course shown throughout the programme, never allowing the interest to flag at any period.

Owing to the popularity of the exhibitions the company has decided to remain in Victoria a little longer, giving a performance here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The concert given by the "old-timers" in Temperance hall on Saturday evening was well attended, and the programme given was appreciated by all. It would be difficult to name every item of the programme that would give greater delight to an audience than that given on Saturday night. On the platform were His Worship Mayor Hayward, who presided; ex-Mayor Redfern, Noah Shakespeare, ex-M. P., W. A. Roberton, ex-M. P., P. F. Messer, H. H. Douglas, Crawford Brown, Walker and McKay, N. Shakespeare sang, "The Old Folks at Home," the audience joining in the chorus; A. Longfield gave a piano solo; Mrs. Crawford gave a humorous vocal selection; Mr. McKay, who is a veteran of the Chinese war, was introduced in connection with the battle of Alma, and Mr. Haynes rendered a violin solo in such style that he was enthusiastically encouraged; Mr. Douglas gave a humorous song, "The Fairies' Imogen," and he sang "The Laird of Cockburn"; Mr. Haynes rendered a selection of "The Old Pack Mule" captivated the audience, and as an encore gave "The Village Blacksmith."

There was a good attendance at the matinee given in the Victoria theatre on Saturday afternoon by the members of the Savoy company. The trained dogs gave a very entertaining programme, which was heartily appreciated by the children, who formed a good percentage of the audience. The moving pictures representing the funeral procession of the late Queen Victoria, and the historical scenes of that historic pageant. The remainder of the programme consisting of vocal selections and dramatic scenes were of a varied character, and proved very entertaining.

The Fifth Regiment band presented an exceptionally good programme at the drill hall on Saturday evening. The musical numbers were rendered in a capital style, the trombone solo by Randsman Douglas being worthy of special mention. Kalarantz who, by the way, the company drill by a detachment from the Fifth Regiment, C.A., under Sergeant-Major Mulethy.

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GEORGE M'L'S PHILANTHROPY.

In an interview with a reporter of the Colonist, Mr. George M.L. Brown is reported to have said: "I am able to tell you that I have received state that negotiations respecting the matter (the granting of a charter from the United States boundary to the Crow's Nest coal fields) are under way in the East. It is altogether premature, however, to say that the agreement is concluded. I wish you would say that as soon as the future of the smelting industry of British Columbia is properly safeguarded all our opposition ceases at once."

We, then, have the truth from the lips of the C. P. R. This unselfish railway corporation has been and is avowedly opposing the open door policy of the people of British Columbia, and is doing it, not in its own interest, but for the welfare of the home smelting industries. Such philanthropy is unprecedented in its history; we recall no instance of its offering itself on the altar of sacrifice in any cause but its own. Still it is never too late to forsake evil ways or to begin to do good.

But if the C. P. R. has no interest of its own to serve, and is playing only the role of provincial benefactor, why does Mr. Brown say that he knows that his directors in the East are negotiating? Negotiating for what? Negotiations, too, that are in progress, but of which it is "altogether premature to say that the agreement is concluded." What agreement? One by which the C. P. R. gets nothing? Does Mr. Brown really believe that the C. P. R. sells out its powers of opposing railway competition on any such terms? If he does the people do not.

The question of safeguarding the smelting interests of British Columbia lies not with a railway company seeking a charter, but with the legislatures of the province of British Columbia and of the Dominion. The local government can impose a tax or can increase the royalty on every ton of coal mined—a power which could stop the coal mining industries altogether if desired—and can by a system of rebate make the blow apply only to such mines as it should be desired to affect. Or, following the policy of the Ontario legislation requiring all saw logs to be cut into lumber in the province, it is easy to see how such restrictions can be imposed in the Crow's Nest district as will safeguard the local smelters. Beyond this, there is the Dominion government's power to impose an export duty.

Does Mr. Brown, however, think any such course would ever become necessary? Are men who have very large mining interests in British Columbia, apart from the coal mines, likely to set about destroying their own country and injuring their best interests? Has not the C. P. R. got six sections of coal lands of six hundred and forty acres each to open up and do business on, and would it not welcome the idea of having the home market for itself? We feel rather inclined to think Mr. Brown has been misinformed, and that there may be some truth in the special

dispatch from Ottawa to the Vancouver World of March 22nd, which we copy in full. "From a reliable source I have ascertained the nature of the agreement between the Crow's Nest Coal Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway, under which the latter withdraws its opposition to a branch of the Great Northern getting into Fernie. It will be remembered that, in addition to the subsidy which the C. P. R. received for building the Crow's Nest Pass line, it secured six sections of coal lands, totaling 3,840 acres, from the Crow's Nest Coal Company. The Canadian Pacific, so far, has done nothing to develop these coal lands on account of a stipulation with the Crow's Nest Company that they would not be opened up for a certain number of years. This restriction is waived by the Crow's Nest Company, and according to the Canadian Pacific withdraws its opposition to the new line."

Should it turn out that this is the true "agreement not yet concluded," where does the philanthropy of the C. P. R. come in? We would, in that case be obliged to give this railway corporation its old character for consistency rather than a new one as a public benefactor; to regard it in the old selfish role of selling its opposition in the dearest market instead of volunteering its good offices in the cheapest.

But does Mr. Brown not know very well that besides all the safeguards to the British Columbia smelters above mentioned, there is another, in itself conclusive, a security beyond question, in the fact that the Dominion government has reserved to itself out of the coal lands of the Crow's Nest Coal Company 50,000 acres which at any time could be opened to public use? If the C. P. R. does not want competition in railway carriage, why does it try to delude the public into the belief that the thing above all others which the Crow's Nest people most want to cultivate is competition in coal and coke production?

We are not a coal company, but it occurs to us it would be bad business for coal producers to cultivate only a market which might be a stroke of the legislative pen in a moment forever closed to them. The United States government, by an import duty on coal and coke, could make it impossible for British Columbia coal and coke to go south of the boundary. A coal company whose policy had been to neglect the home market would find itself in such a case out of business. We can trust the Crow's Nest Coal Company to fully understand its business interests and in every way help to build up and hold the best of all the markets, the one nearest home.

AN IMPOWENT OPPOSITION.

Mr. Borden makes a more presentable figure at the head of the Conservative party than did Sir Charles Tupper. His speeches read beautifully. There is none of the blimping arrogance characteristic of the Tupper style. But as yet there is no evidence that he has gained the mastery over the turbulent spirits within the party. There are still rumblings which portend that any time there may be an upheaval which will leave this man of quiet speech stranded and a partaker of the fate of Sir Mackenzie Bowell. As there are no spoils to fight for and the restoration of the party to power seems a very remote possibility a policy of drift may be pursued, in the course of time the disturbing elements may be eliminated, the men who would be leaders may disappear and the peace and harmony essential to political success once more reign. In the meantime the antagonisms aroused by the selection of Mr. Borden as leader have been aggravated by his choice of a successor to Mr. Foster. Mr. Osler is a sound financier, not a juggler with figures, as was his predecessor, and he frankly confessed that it was an exceedingly difficult matter to find fault with the annual budget statement of Mr. Fielding. The country is prosperous, the revenue buoyant, trade is growing at an unprecedented rate, great public works have been carried on, nearly two million dollars have been spent in assisting the Mother Country in a war which but for the co-operation of the colonies threatened to involve her in serious complications, loans have been converted which involved an immediate cost of nearly a million, but which in the end will save the country double that amount, all at a comparatively insignificant addition to the debt of the country.

As it is no easy matter to point to a weak point in the policy of the government generally, we find Mr. Borden personally directing the guns of the opposition at the preference extended to Great Britain. Some of his followers hang back as if doubting the wisdom of taking up such a position, but the manufacturing section is with him. The latter gentlemen are quite willing to give most convincing oral testimony of their loyalty and to shout traitor when it suits their purpose, but they do not propose to compete with the manufacturers of Great Britain even with protection amounting to about 25 per cent. and the cost of the carriage of goods about three or four thousand miles in their favor. It will have no effect upon the attitude of the Conservative leader and his followers to read the following from the speech of Sir Richard Cartwright in defence of the government's preferential policy: "But I am speaking of facts, and the facts are that at the present moment our trade with Great Britain per head is enormously in excess of our trade with the United States. We sell to the 40,000,000 people of Great Britain about \$90,000,000 worth, and we sell to the 76,

000,000 in the United States something like \$60,000,000 worth of goods per annum. In other words, every man, woman and child in Great Britain takes from us about \$2.50 per head, whereas in the United States they take from us only 80 cents per head, and perhaps if the matter were looked into it would hardly equal that sum. . . . When hon. gentlemen tell me that we receive no substantial benefit from the preference we have extended to the people of Great Britain, I take leave to differ from them altogether. When hon. gentlemen say, as I think I heard one hon. gentleman say the other night, that not one man in a thousand in England knows anything or cares anything about the preferential tariff, I can tell him that there is probably not one man in a thousand in mercantile England who does not know and appreciate, and was not exceedingly impressed with the fact that Canada alone of all the world had given a distinct preference to British goods in her markets. Sir, this is not a sentimental question. Great Britain stands in the position of a very wealthy customer, who has the power of choosing between four or five rival competitors for her goods, nearly equal in quality, nearly equal in appearance. If you have the goodwill of that customer you may rely upon it, and the people of Canada may rely upon it, that you will get a preference in the trade of that customer. In dealing with such a customer it is of great importance to have his goodwill, and our people are finding it so more and more every day."

Sir Richard in the above extract expresses the sentiments of the people of Canada who have goods to sell. In this western part of the country we are more concerned about the goods we do not produce and are therefore compelled to buy. The preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain enables us to purchase what we require at a much more reasonable figure than formerly. The manufacturers of Eastern Canada are obliged to be content with smaller profits in order to meet the competition of the products of the mills of Great Britain. We take it, therefore, that the consumers of the West have no reason to be dissatisfied with the operations of the present tariff and that the efforts of the Conservative party to secure its abolition will be condemned by them.

We have been paying so little attention to the doings of the "once great party" of late that we believe our readers will overlook the length of this article if we conclude with the following expression of opinion from an independent Conservative source. The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Telegram writes: "Sir transit gloria mundi, quoth J. H. Robinson, the rugged independent of West Elgin, as he saw Sir Richard Cartwright following the remarks of E. B. Osler take a note or two and then lean back, his broad slouch hat concealing all save his grizzled whiskers. The sturdy old knight, the hero of many a hard-fought battle of the budget, was not excited to grim strife by the challenge of E. B. Osler. When Osler concluded Sir Richard never stirred from beneath his ample headpiece. His head followed upon the back of his chair, he sat as if taking the rest which long and vigorous services merited. The lion master of the jungle was not to be answered by the snaps of the terrier. There and then the tariff debate would have been at an end, but James Clancy, ghastly for a moment at the inactivity of the other side of the House, stood up to carry on the fight, and others will sustain him. E. B. Osler and James Clancy foremost in the attack on the budget speech! The slight was not a living testimonial to the 'grand front' which the Conservative party in caucus discovered to be one of its shining assets. E. B. Osler replying to W. S. Fielding was nothing more than a tame replying to an eloquent reality.

That Mr. Osler's name rather than his debating ability gave him the task of replying to the Minister of Finance is frankly admitted by many Conservatives. James Clancy is not without ability by any means, but five years ago the Conservative party, adorned with the ability of Sir Charles Tupper, Foster, Montague, Ives and Caron, could hardly have foreseen the day when the member for Bothwell would take second place in attacking a budget speech. There can be no great debates during this parliament, for the two forces necessary to debating achievement do not exist. Today's performance was convincing substantiation of this truth, that will be emphasized the more as large issues are confronted and gloriously met."

For reasons which are no doubt perfectly justifiable from an economical point of view, it has been decided by the new management of the C. P. R. Company to remove certain departments and officials to Vancouver. When the business of this old Victoria institution was acquired by the C. P. R. we were told that this city would be treated with perfect justice under the new order of things; but there were sceptics who asserted that the headquarters would be imperceptibly degrees removed to the city in which the bulk of the C. P. R. interests are centred. At the time of the transfer the Times said that the operations of the company would be narrowly scanned by Victorians with the view of divining if possible what the C. P. R. idea of perfect justice is. But even if the whole institution, ships, offices, officers and business, were to be taken to Vancouver we would have no right to object. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is not to make money, and to do this it is absolutely necessary that all its undertakings shall be managed from the point where such can be done to the greatest advantage. If such point be decided to be Vancouver rather

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than Victoria, so much the worse for Victoria, and the more reason we shall have to regret the transaction which brought about the change of management.

All foreigners who land in the United States seem to develop tremendous bumps of benevolence without loss of time. The great tender hearts of them are moved by the thoughts of oppression and tyranny, and they are never happy until they have taken up a collection for some downtrodden people. Take the case of the Boers, whose hapless plight enabled their "benevolent friends" in the United States to accumulate more than twelve hundred dollars at one meeting. It was unfortunate, of course, that the wine bill was so large that less than twelve dollars was left for the widows and orphans, but sorrow had to be drowned in something, and it would be a disgrace to a land of such resources as the United States to drink anything cheaper than the driest of extra dry. The Nihilists of New York in meeting assembled probably had these things in mind when they pounced upon the man with the roll. These fellows who carry the "dough" become altogether too exclusive when there is wine in sight.

Russia is quite willing to give any number of verbal undertakings that her intentions with regard to China are entirely benevolent. Why, then, do the sceptical powers desire to prevent her from entering into a written arrangement with the moribund nation which is at her mercy? No wonder the susceptibilities of the advisers of the Czar are wounded.

With his usual munificent generosity Sir Henri Joly has handed to the treasurer of the exhibition association a cheque for two hundred dollars. We have the right men at work to make the show a success, and if the elements do not conspire to defeat their efforts we shall lay securely this autumn the foundations of an annual fair.

Toronto Star: It is gratifying to know that Mr. E. B. Osler, M. P., is opposed to the giving of any further bonuses or grants to railroads. But can he not show the country how to get even with the C. P. R., which has already got its bonuses and grants?

SUMMING UP. Herbert. Summe up at night what thou hast done by day. And in the morning what thou hast to do. Dress and undress thy soul; mark the day. And growth of it; with thy watch, that too. Be down, then winds up both; since we shall be. Most surely judged, make thy accounts agree.

WORSE THAN THE REAL THING. Toronto News. A temperance lecturer at Bridgton, Glamorganshire, emphasized his arguments by simulating the action of a sufferer from delirium tremens. A woman in the audience, who was an habitual drunkard, was so shocked that she became unconscious, and died a few hours afterwards. The moral of this story seems to be, "Beware of imitations."

EMPIRE DAY. Hamilton Herald. The making of May 24th a perpetual holiday is all right, if it be made a holiday throughout the Empire. Then it could be observed as Empire Day. In that case, the new King's birthday, Nov. 9th, should be fixed as the date of Thanksgiving Day. There are enough public holidays now. Many business men think there are too many.

STRICTLY BUSINESS. Buffalo Times. How does this strike you as a business proposition? A New Jersey man who is suing for divorce seeks to recover at the same time a number of bridal presents now in his wife's possession, which she says were presented by friends of his who did not know her.

THIS SEEMS PERTINENT. Indianapolis Journal. It might be asked, by the way, if the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is not binding, why did the Senate spend any time at all on a new treaty, the sole object of which was to modify it?

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Forecasts.
For 26 hours ending p.m. Tuesday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong winds, mostly east and south, unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.
Lower Mainland—Winds mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.75; temperature, 43; minimum, 41; wind, S miles S. E.; rain, 11; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, 30; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, fair.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles S. W.; rain, trace; weather, rain.

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A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Driard hotel, commencing at 3 o'clock.
The annual sacred concert of the Ladies' Aid Society, of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be held this evening, when an excellent programme will be rendered.
The annual meeting of the Natural History Society will be held this evening, when reports will be received and the election of officers will take place. All members are requested to be in attendance.

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Alaska S. S. Co.'s fine Steamer Dolphin will sail for Skagway and way ports from the Outer Wharf Wednesday morning, at 7 a. m. E. E. Blackwood, agent.

Rev. J. F. Vichert officiated at the funeral of the infant son of Walter Noble, which took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Oswego street.

A. Stewart, having recently purchased at a sacrifice the immense stock of Thos. Bradbury, is now prepared to give bargains in monumental work never before heard of in Victoria. Intending buyers should not delay, but take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Rev. Idrisu Jones will deliver the first of his lectures upon "Britain's Imperial Destiny Based on Her Hebrew Origin" to-night in the lecture hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Tomorrow evening he will speak in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church. The admission to the lectures is free, a collection being taken at the close.

At the meeting of the city council this evening several very important subjects will be considered. Railway matters will come up for discussion under the motion of Ald. Yates to have a public meeting called for the purpose of protecting Victoria's interests. The petition for a paid fire department will also come before the council. A petition asking that a by-law be submitted to the people for the raising of \$50,000 for building a high school will, it is expected, be presented also.

The bazaar to be given under the auspices of the ladies of Centennial Methodist church, in aid of their Sunday school extension fund, on Wednesday evening, promises to be a very enjoyable and profitable affair. Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, will open the bazaar, and in the evening a splendid programme will be rendered by some of Prof. Wickens's pupils. The hours of sale will be from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and 7 to 10 in the evening. Refreshments will be provided.

Northern advices received by the Danube on Saturday evening state that part of the outfit landed at Port Simpson to build the branch line to Hazelton included a crew, which set to work on March 4th to establish a pony relay service to Hazelton, which will put the big outfit in close communication with the outside world and incidentally the North will be the same, for steamers from the North can call at that port with telegrams from Skagway and the Yukon, and the pony relay will do the rest. The work of perfecting the relay system is under the personal direction of the engineer in charge, assisted by young Ned Charleston. How long it will take to cover the distance between the two places is as yet problematic. The distance is something over 120 miles, so that to cover the distance in a day will keep the ponies on a gallop. J. A. Gallahan, formerly Dominion operator at Cariboo, has been appointed operator at Simpson.

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A coroner's inquest is being held this afternoon to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Sydney John Churchill, whose body was found in the harbor on Saturday morning.

The regular weekly organ recital was given last evening in St. John's church. The programme was carried off very successfully, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather a large number of people were in attendance.

In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Walker heard the following applications: Kirkpatrick et al v. Molly Gibson Manufacturing Co. Application for final judgment dismissed with costs; Byers et al v. Molly Gibson Manufacturing Co. A similar application to the above, order made.

This evening the regular meeting of Banner lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., will be held. The meeting will be opened at 8 o'clock sharp, and business of considerable importance will be transacted. The society's representative to the Grand Lodge will give his report, and a large number of new members will be initiated.

To-night at 8 o'clock at Pioneer hall a meeting of carpenters and joiners will be held for the purpose of further uniting the trade in this city. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, and will be addressed by prominent members of the society and others. All carpenters in the city are invited to be present.

In the police court this morning four drunks were called. One failed to appear, forfeiting his bail of \$10; two were fined \$5 each or 10 days' imprisonment; and the fourth was fined \$2.50 or five days' imprisonment. A violation of the bicycle-by-law cost a wheelman \$6. The Eli Craigie case of violation of the hired vehicle-by-law was adjourned until April 1st.

The death occurred yesterday at the family residence, 12 First street, of Chas. J. E. Casleton, deceased was 26 years of age and a native of Victoria. He was employed for some time at Thos. Earle's as shipping clerk. He leaves a widow and an infant child six months old, as well as a father, four brothers and four sisters to mourn his loss. All are residents of this city with the exception of a brother, Arthur, of Seattle and a sister Mrs. J. L. Smith, of Nelson, both of whom are on their way here to attend the funeral, which takes place on Wednesday afternoon from the residence at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Withycombe, vice-director of the Oregon Experiment Station at Corvallis, has been good enough to present the department of agriculture with a sack of seed of Dwarf Essex rape, raised by himself at the station, and is therefore guaranteed pure. Mr. Anderson will be glad to distribute this seed amongst those of our farmers who are desirous of trying this fodder plant. Dr. Withycombe, in common with all who have had any experience with rape, declare it to be the very best soiling crop and is without exception the most profitable and best for general feeding purposes, dairy cows excepted. F. W. Hodson says it is the best producer of pork and mutton he knows of.

The charter for a branch of the Navy League to be established here is expected to arrive at any time. In a letter received by the honorary secretary of the proposed British Columbia branch from Capt. W. C. Crutcher, R. N. R., of London, England, secretary of the Navy League, the following reference is made: "The application for the warrant of incorporation of the branch will be brought before the executive committee on Monday afternoon next. You may consequently expect to hear by the next mail that the necessary authorization has been given, and that all the necessary documents and papers are on their way to you." The letter is dated March 7th, so that the letter authorizing the branch should arrive shortly.

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Hon. J. H. Ross, the Yukon Commissioner, Here on His Way North.

His Views on Territorial Matters and on His Approaching Northern Labors.

Hon. J. H. Ross, the recently appointed commissioner to the Yukon, arrived in the city last evening, on his way to his new home in the far north. He was accompanied by two of his children, who will remain with friends here for some time. Mrs. Ross is a daughter of Mr. J. McKay, of 22 Kingston street, whose guest Mr. Ross is while in Victoria. He will leave for the north about the end of the month, and will proceed direct to Dawson, which he hopes to reach about the middle of April.

Regarding his work in the Yukon territory, the new commissioner does not care to speak until he has had a look over the ground and has consulted with those whose experience at the seat of Yukon government entitle their opinions to be received with consideration. Before starting for the north, Mr. Ross had a consultation with the executive at Ottawa and is thus equipped with their views in relation to northern matters. He recognizes, however, that his course as a commissioner must be guided very largely by local conditions and experiences as he finds them, and he is going north, therefore, with a receptive and open mind on a number of the problems which are sure to confront him upon assuming his duties there.

Regarding the fund he has just left, Mr. Ross is less reticent. There he has spent the last twenty-three years of his life and he has been identified with matters political ever since his advent in the country. When the first assembly of the Territories was convened in 1881, he was elected to the House, and he has occupied a seat in that chamber ever since. He has held a portfolio in the advisory council since 1892, and has been succeeded in his portfolio as commissioner of crown lands by A. L. Stron.

He expects that the Territories will be erected into a province within the next year or two, although as a matter of fact the people of the Northwest are by no means anxious for a change in their political status. "We have been very successful," said Mr. Ross, "in building up the country on lines which suited our conditions, and without particular reference as to whether such a policy had been previously carried out in any other province. It is natural, therefore, that the people regard with some apprehension their transition to a new and untried system of government."

"One thing will be stoutly opposed by the people, and that is the ceding of any portion of the Territories to Manitoba. The people, he says, are not enamored of the way in which Manitoba has been governed nor have they much confidence in her financial position. Mr. Ross believes that when provincial autonomy is granted that the whole of the Territories will be embraced in one province and not divided in two, as has frequently been suggested. The area of such a province would not exceed very much that of British Columbia.

TAXING THE COMPANIES.

Hon. Mr. Turner Says Toll Will Be Collected Only on Net Income.

A large deputation of Vancouver insurance men saw the Hon. J. H. Turner this morning in reference to the amendments to the Assessment Act proposed by him. The particular section upon which they desired light was that relating to the taxing of the incomes of insurance and other companies as set out in the following paragraph: "Every bank, banking company, corporation or joint stock company incorporated for the purpose of doing a banking business, and which transacts a banking business, or savings bank business, in this province, and every insurance company (including life, fire, ocean, marine, inland transit, accident, plate glass, and steam boiler insurance company), every guarantee company, loan company, express company, telegraph company, street railroad company, tramway company, gas and electric lighting company, or power company, and telephone company, whosever such company may be incorporated, whether the head office is situated in this province or elsewhere, and which transacts business in this province, shall be assessed and taxed on the income derived from the business transacted in this province, and shall pay the taxes on income in accordance with the provisions of this act. In the case of insurance companies, income shall include and embrace all income from premiums received or accrued from business transacted in this province."

Hon. Mr. Turner in reply told the mem-

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A Few Words To Pro-Boers

Free State Burgher Writes About the War in South Africa.

He Says 'Independence' Would Mean Civil War in Six Months.

V. M. writes to the Weekly Cape Times as follows: Much has been written and more said during the last few months as to the settlement question in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, and it is a great wonder to me that no one seems actually to grasp the vital point of the situation, and I cannot possibly believe that anyone in their proper senses, who have the real welfare of the Afrikaner at heart, can have the hardihood to urge for one moment the withdrawal of the British troops from the conquered states, or a continued resistance on the part of the Federals.

Talkers and Coffee Kettles. Yet the so-called pro-Boers and their press are urging this. I say so-called pro-Boers, as being a real Boer myself, and having fought and bled doing my duty to my country in obedience to our laws, the only man I call pro-Boer is one who is a Boer in heart and in mind. We had more than enough talkers and coffee-kettles men of our own, without the least help from outside in this quarter. Your pro-Boers in the Cape Colony, Mr. Editor, have even threatened that what we Federals always know, that, as empty vessels make of the most sounding metal—that is all, as far as our good-will is concerned. They speak of our 'independence'; but if they knew anything about the meaning of the word independence, then they would know that we never had such a thing.

The Curse of Nepotism. In the Transvaal we had a nepotism of Krugers, Bloks, Wolmarans, Schultzes and Koks, with a sprinkling of minor names. If any man does not know this, then let him never open his mouth about Transvaal affairs, as I can assure him he knows less than nothing, and although he may find fools to listen to him, any most ignorant burgher would tickle him at once. In the Free State we had model laws, but they were also subject to the same almighty nepotism, just as in the Transvaal, reaching from the president to the poorest 'rede-rechter' and governing road-maker. It is true we had a strong opposition party, in fact, a majority, as proved by the 1892 presidential election in the Free State; as had the closer union question ever gone to the people, according to the constitution, then the vote of the burghers would have voted against it.

Intolerance and Vaccination. Your may ask why we do not more. I reply because of our innate intolerance and vaccination—the cause of the Afrikaner—and if anyone knows us, they know that these were, and are, our curse, and have brought us losses and shame in every walk of life. Too lazy to take the proper interest in politics, too lazy to question our leaders, too lazy to even think of trying to break the strong family combinations, knowing ourselves too lazy to exert ourselves when the tug would come; vacillating in putting the day for the struggle off, yet certain it had to be done. As we said: 'Wait till Pentecost dies; then we will show them.' Others put their trust in our great President Brand's well-known utterance: 'Alles sal recht komen'; but how, or when, or through whose endeavors, were questions not worth considering. Oom Jan said so; that was enough.

Boer Against Boer. There were two parties in the Republics. Two parties, with far more pronounced feelings than we ever had outside, were our great pro-Boer friends. Yet we gave them signs now and then. They do not remember that only one hasty shot at Trichardtsfontein in 1881 to the church question would have plunged the Transvaal into a bloody civil war, one shot in Pretoria, when it was known that Joubert had the majority of votes for freedom in 1892? Men were armed, and a shot was nothing. Do they remember hearing of the case of the State v. Gibson and others for 'lese majeste' in Senekal a few years back? Had Judge Hertzog given any other judgment, there would have been a sure revolution and probable bloodshed if you get the stubbornness of all the mixed breeds. This war has proved that conclusively. Once awakened, whether right or wrong, they reason no more. This is apparently a well-known fact to our friends the pro-Boers; or can it be in ignorance that they are playing on that string of our destruction?

The Price of Independence. I can assure them that, were the British troops withdrawn from the Republics to-morrow, we would have a civil war there within six months. A war of bitter hatred and direct results. That is what our friends are agitating for. I do not care what they say to the contrary. I fear no criticism, as I know what I write, and have yet to meet the man who knows South Africa better than I do. I have met many who think they do, but only the real Boer knows the Boer. No one else. Our real fighting burgher went to war with the British, even as the knowing little of the root of the question; but we soon found out, and our hearts were filled with bitterness against our leaders, who had forced the war on us through Hamlet's bungling and false pride, and then left us to be maimed and killed, while they feasted and pocketed our money when Skater's and the high-valued Transvaaler are the men who have suffered, and they were not Kruger men. Suppose for a moment that we got our status changed, these signs to me as to think that these signs would be ruled by the Kruger nepotism again?

To Fight Krugerism. By our laws we must vote. Well

knowing how the Krugers behaved in the war, I know they would vote on every point. Their votes are living, while ours are lying in their graves, killed in a bad cause—and their poor widows and children have no vote. I assure you, Mr. Editor, and I assure the world, there would be an appeal—the only appeal, we would have—to the Kaiser, Kruger and Steyn and their satellites would never give up their hold on us without a struggle, and we men who have fought, and are still fighting, who have fought, and are still fighting, would not have them at any price. Could our burghers still in the field know this, a speedy settlement would be arranged. We knew soon after the war began that we were fighting for Kruger, and his Hollanders, and we also knew that we intended putting an end to them as soon as peace was proclaimed, after all the promised interventions from other powers had come to pass, and every sensible man who knows us at all, and gives the matter his earnest consideration, knows that we were fighting, and are still fighting, for a certain return of the hated corruption, with a certain civil war within a short period of the peace proclamations, if we attain the status.

Sporting News

THE ROD.

FISH PLENTIFUL. A large number of local fishermen went out on Saturday and Sunday. In most cases good baskets resulted. On Saturday morning parties could be seen on bicycles bound for Prospect, Fike Long and the 'Thebes' lakes. A large number also went to Millstream. Of those coming from Millstream the biggest basket was 70 trout. From the 'Thebes' lake very good catches were made, and a local fisherman who tried this lake claims to have caught the largest fish of the day. These coming from Prospect and Long lakes also report big catches.

BASKETBALL.

NEXT FRIDAY'S GAME. The game between the Y. M. C. A. of Vancouver and the J. B. A. A. team takes place on Friday evening in the drill hall. The Fifth Regiment band will give a concert in connection with the game. The Y. M. C. A. team is one of the strongest organizations of the kind in the Terminal City. Ed. Burns, who formerly played in the Wasps, when that team was in existence, and later occupied a position on the J. B. A. A. team, is captain of the Y. M. C. A. team. J. B. A. A. team will be picked from the following: Lorimer, Simpson, Finlayson, Cuzner, Galbraith, Smith, Janion and Johnson.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

WON BY DEFAULT. Of the three games which were scheduled to take place only one was played. The Junior League game between the North Ward school and Boys' Brigade teams did not take place on account of the non-appearance of the North Ward team. This is the second time the North Ward boys have not turned up. Considerable dissatisfaction exists among the members of the Boys' Brigade team, who claim that the South Park and other teams have members on their team who do not belong to the school. They consider this as unfair, as they state that the Boys' Brigade team is wholly composed of members of the brigade. Next year an attempt will be made to have a law enacted providing that a team entering from any school or club shall be composed only of members of that school or club.

WILL PRACTICE REGULARLY.

The Victoria team will hold practices every evening at the Caledonian Park in preparation for the league match to be played against the Nanaimo aggregation in a short time.

VICTORIA WINS.

The Victoria Senior and the Columbia teams tried conclusions on Saturday at Beacon Hill, and after a hard fought game the Victoria team ran out winners by four goals to two. Victoria kicked off with a strong wind in their faces, and worked the ball well down the field. W. York intercepted, and the leather was returned to the Columbia front rank, who bombarded the Victoria goal for a few moments. It looked very much as if they would score, but Schwengers robbed Berkely when the latter was in a dangerous position, and cleared the ball from the Victoria goal. Johnson gain possession of the ball, dribbled down the wing and sent in a beautiful shot. Marshall fisted out, but S. Lorimer met the ball and banged it through the Columbia goal. From the kick off the Columbia eleven went away with a dash, Wilson being very conspicuous. Goward relieved the pressure, and Mt. L. York in her down the wing and centered, but Shanks, with a fine kick, sent the leather up to Berkely. He in turn centered and Hart scored for the Columbia. A few moments later half time arrived, with both teams having a goal to their credit. On resuming play Victoria made a rush on the Columbia goal. Richardson sent in a pretty shot, but Marshall saved in fine style. Finlayson kicked clear, but Schwengers drove it back again, and J. Lorimer pounced upon the leather and scored a goal. The Columbia forwards raced down the field, and Lawson sent in a fine shot, but Hart saved. W. York kicked out, but again Schwengers sent it back. The leather was returned

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to Wilson, who passed to Berkely, and the latter scored with a fine shot, and S. Lorimer scored two more goals. For full time, leaving Victoria winners by 4 goals to 2. J. C. Clark gave good satisfaction as referee.

S. LORIMER INJURED.

An accident occurred in Saturday's match between the Columbia and the Victoria team which will deprive the Victorians of one of their best players. Sam Lorimer, in making a shot, in some way twisted his leg, fracturing his knee. He will be unable to play football any more this season. He played centre forward on the Victoria team, and has filled that position with great success over since occupying it. His loss will be greatly felt by Victoria in the league matches to be played.

STANDING TO DATE.

Table with columns: Name, Won, Lost, P.C. A. Gonnason 25 6 79.23, B. Hunter 20 7 74.23, J. C. Handy 18 7 72.73, J. C. McKenzie 18 13 57.6, A. P. Gibson 18 14 56.4, Capt. Mitchell 19 15 55.9, Wm. Marchant 19 14 57.3, B. J. Perry 16 16 50, J. F. Sutton 15 16 48.5, W. J. Taylor 15 14 48.5, R. Williams 13 13 48.5, C. A. Lombard 14 17 45.1, C. W. Rhodes 10 16 38.5, J. L. Wilmer 10 19 34.3, A. S. Jones 11 21 34.3, R. H. Horse 11 25 30.3, T. T. Johnston 7 25 21.5

HAMLET'S 'TWO BROTHERS.'

The pictures of his father and uncle to which Hamlet called his mother's attention were not miniatures, Jacob Riis tells us in the January Century, but portraits on the tapestry in Kronborg Castle. Standing in the 'flag-battery' at night, with my back to the garrison-house—very evidently the 'platform' of the Brooklyn club, that the international table chess match will be played on April 19th and 20th, and that the Englishmen have asked Prof. Rice, of this city, to act as their representative during the contest at Brooklyn.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

New York, March 23.—James L. Cope, Jr., secretary of the British Chess Club, London, has informed Secretary Chadwick, of the Brooklyn club, that the international table chess match will be played on April 19th and 20th, and that the Englishmen have asked Prof. Rice, of this city, to act as their representative during the contest at Brooklyn.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: High Water, Low Water, T.M., H.M., P.M., H.M., T.M., H.M., P.M., H.M. for Victoria, B.C., March, 1901.

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The Height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Lightning Express To the North. Post mail steamers leave on under for Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway. STR. VICTORIAN. March 24, April 1, 13, 25. STR. CITY OF SEATTLE. March 29, April 8, 19, 28. (And alternately every five days thereafter.)

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Atlantic Steamship Sailings. Vancouver—Dominion Line ... April 12. Port-au-Prince—Allan Line ... April 2. Lunenburg—Allan Line ... April 6. Lake Superior—Beaver Line ... April 12. Lake Ontario—Beaver Line ... April 12. Utopia—Cunard Line ... April 30.

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FOR ALASKA. LEAVE SEATTLE 9 P.M. Cottage City, March 11, 23, April 10, 23, May 10. Al-Ki, March 8, 21, April 5, 20. State of California, May 5, 20. City of Topeka, May 15.

E. & N. RAILWAY. TIME TABLE NO. 41. IN EFFECT SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1901. NORTH BOUND. Sat. & Daily. Sun. A.M. P.M.

Victoria & Sidney RAILWAY. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows: DAILY: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

STEAMER IROQUOIS. Connecting with the Victoria & Sidney Railway (weather permitting), will sail as follows: Monday and Thursday—Leave Sidney at 8 a. m., calling at Fulford, Ganges, Mayne, Fernwood, Gabriola and Nanaimo.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN 75 Government Street, Victoria B. C. Passengers can leave and arrive daily by steamers Rosalie and Schomac, connecting at Seattle with overland byer.

JAPAN-AMERICAN LINE. 'SHENSHU MARU' will leave April 1st for Japan, China and all Asiatic ports. O. WURTMER, General Agent.

NORTH BOUND. Sat. & Daily. Sun. A.M. P.M. Leave Victoria 9:00 4:25. Leave Shawinigan Lake 10:15 5:42. Leave Aldefoto (Duncans) 10:50 6:20. Leave Chemulcan 11:27 6:50. Leave Lashburn 11:47 7:10. P.M. P.M. Leave Nanaimo 12:45 8:02. Arrive Wellington 1:00 8:17.

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Provincial News

KAMLOUPS.
The banquet of the local company of the Rocky Mountain Rifles was at its height here on Thursday evening at the Grand Pacific hotel when the alarm of fire at the sawmills broke up the festivity. Many members of the company were present, and they and the others were turned out, breaking up the banquet of necessity.

NANAIMO.
Mrs. Alexander Hoggan, of Gabriola island, who was seized with paralysis in Commercial street on Thursday afternoon, died on Saturday afternoon at the city hospital, where she had remained since she was taken to the city.

VANCOUVER.
The State Lake Power Company and the city council are gradually arriving at an agreement by which the company will be allowed to generate power at the State Lake falls and bring it into Vancouver and New Westminster for commercial use. The council asked the company to make the following concessions: To deposit in a chartered bank the sum of \$25,000 as an evidence of bona fides; that the franchise for incandescent and other lighting expires in February, 1918; that the company agree to supply power for public lighting at any time at a maximum rate to be agreed upon.

VICTORIA ROUTE.
To the Editor:—Knowing that you appreciate the importance of a good mail service to the coast points, we feel sure the following will be of particular interest to you at this time, as showing the public the amount of credence to be placed in the statements of the Alaska Steamship Company, to which the latter have lately given so much prominence as to their having the best interest, and the best service to the coast, in operating the steamer Rosalie on this route.

ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
The above certainly afforded the Alaska Steamship Company an opportunity of showing their public spiritedness, and their interest in the public interest. It might be remarked that they were not asked to carry the mails gratis, but that they were ready and willing to pay for the service. This was not good for the Alaska Steamship Company, and they apparently deliberately sacrificed the interests of the citizens of Victoria in an attempt to squeeze an exorbitant sum of money out of us through the medium of the post office.

W. HARDIE.
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COMMUNICATIONS.
THE COAST-KOOTENAI LINE.
To the Editor:—How circumstances have changed since the Kootenai and Eastern charters was annulled, Mr. Martin, I believe it was who said that there was nothing in the agreement with the Kootenai and Eastern charters which would prevent the C. P. R. from operating the road. That there was nothing to show that it would be a competitive railway. At that time we agreed to give any guarantee whatever that it would be a competitive road. To-day they are even anxious to show their independence of the C. P. R. and offer to limit themselves in the strongest way possible, that they (V. & E.) will not amalgamate with the C. P. R. Mr. Editor, if everyone who places in the public meeting on March 10th last, is not now of the opinion that if the V. & E. had been constructed under the charter granted by the Turner government, that it would be operated by the C. P. R., they are unreasonably hard to convince.

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place ground throughout the province. Such syndicates would purchase and secure everything known and hold title for speculative purposes or until such time as their ground was rendered valuable by the proximity of always or other public improvements. It would put a stop to individual mining. None but rich companies could then mine, for no sooner was a piece of ground proven to be worthy of attention than it would be purchased outright by these rich syndicates (on similar lines of action to that pursued by the Standard Oil Company) and held idle. The output could be controlled, if necessary, the same as that of the diamond output at Kimberley in South Africa.

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REMOVAL NOTICE.
J. RENOUF,
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Removed to old stand, Todd Block, corner of Douglas and Pandora street.

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NOTICE.
The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to widen Menzies street to the full width of 48 feet from the southerly limit of Simcoe street, to the northerly limit of Niagara street, under the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council upon the said work of improvement, giving statement showing the amount chargeable against the various portions of real property benefited thereby, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said by-law, and said report having been adopted by the Council, notice is hereby given that this report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLING, C. M. C.
City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 19th, 1901.

Mortgagee's Sale
Under instructions of Alexander Urquhart, executor of Donald Urquhart, deceased, the mortgagee, in pursuance of power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the second day of December 1898, and made between the said Alexander Urquhart, late of Victoria, B. C., of the one part, and Donald Urquhart, of Victoria, B. C., of the other part, tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 15th day of April, 1901, for the purchase of all that certain parcel or tract of land, being the western half (W/2) of all that parcel or tract of land, more particularly described and being in the City of Victoria, and marked and numbered lot number two (2) on the official map or plan of subdivision of sections 18, 19, 21 and 22, and the said Medina Grove, being now better known as Heckerly Farm, and described as the western half (W/2) of lot 2 thereof. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
51 Langley Street, Victoria.
Solicitor for Alexander Urquhart, Executor of Donald Urquhart, deceased.

Mortgagee's Sale
Under instructions of Alexander Urquhart, executor of Donald Urquhart, deceased, the mortgagee, in pursuance of power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 7th day of April, 1892, and made between John Leonard, of Victoria, B. C., of the one part, and Donald Urquhart, of Victoria, B. C., of the other part, tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 19th day of April, 1901, for the purchase of all that certain parcel or tract of land situated in Victoria, B. C., and more particularly described as follows:—Lots 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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All that lot of land known as lot 5, being a subdivision of the east half of section 17, Heckerly Farm, and described as the western half (W/2) of lot 5 thereof. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
51 Langley Street, Victoria.
Solicitor for the Executor of D. Urquhart, deceased.

For Sale
Notice is hereby given that I, Harriet B. Hastings, of Victoria, B. C., will apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners sitting as a Licensing Court on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1901, or an adjournment thereof, for a license to sell wine, spirits and liquors by retail on the premises known as the Queen's Hotel, situated on the N. W. corner of Johnson and Store streets, Victoria, B. C., to Fred Gooding.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., February 9th, A. D. 1901.
H. B. HASTINGS.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.
GASPAR DISTRICT.
Notice is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown lands situated in the Bennett Lake and Astin Lake Mining Divisions of Gaspar District, British Columbia, and published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 13th December, 1899, is hereby cancelled.
W. G. WELLS,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 29th January, 1901.

Removal Notice.
W. H. Adams, representing the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine, has removed from 81 Fort Street to the 78 Douglas street, Brunswick Block.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.
STORY STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.
The Institute is free for the use of Sailors and shipping generally. It is well supplied with papers and a temperance bar. Letters may be sent here to vessels ships. A report of the Institute may be obtained by sending ships on application to manager. All are heartily welcome.

